

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A clothing article comprising an clothing article for use with persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, preferably an ostomy hernia, further comprising said clothing article being made with a previously selected hernia compression area in a front half for exerting compression on an area of a hernia on an abdomen of a user and being disposed around a lower body part of the user and made with a predefined size and shape, further comprising knitting a knitted seamless tubular item with anatomic fit for establishing a firm yet elastic structure of fabric producing compression of between 15 to 50 mmHg within a the previously selected hernia compression area of the clothing article forming an abdominal front portion which is located on the front half of the tubular item of the clothing article ~~for~~ and providing an approximately constant compression within a range of users' sizes and shapes, wherein the fabric comprises elastic yarns made of elastic fibers, wherein the fibers comprise between 15 and 60% of the fabric composition on the areas of the clothing article exerting compression on the user's body and 0-15% elastic yarns in a groin area, the previously selected hernia compression area being formed with elastic yarns having a thickness of 100-300 dtex, with a higher percentage of elastic yarns with a compact knitted structure and a firm tight stitch pattern and with a weight between 250 and 450 g/m².
2. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 1, ~~further comprising a step for extending wherein~~ the material in the item clothing article is extended and heat fixed on a form or for selective fixation of the item ~~while it is placed on a form~~ with a predefined size and shape while the item is on the form.
3. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 1, ~~further comprising a step for sewing together wherein~~ a lower part of the tubular item for is sewn together, forming a panty brief with a lower body part area, groin area and leg openings.

4. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 32, wherein ~~the step for sewing together a lower part of the tubular item is sewn together in~~ and the groin area for forming a panty brief with lower body part area, groin area and leg openings is performed before ~~the fixation of the panty brief is extended and heat fixed on a form.~~

5. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 3, further comprising an aperture formed in the groin area in the panty brief so that the user can urinate without taking off the panty brief.

6. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein the clothing article is made by circular knitting on a body size machine or a rectilinear knitting machine with two needle bars.

7. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 1, wherein extension and fixation of the elastic yarns and elastic fibers is made with varying intensity across the clothing article thereby establishing varied extension or elasticity and firmness in the article and thereby also providing varied compression when the clothing article is placed on a user.

8. (Canceled) without prejudice.

9. (Currently amended) Clothing article comprising an article of clothing formed with a predefined size and shape for persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, ~~preferably an ostomy hernia~~, comprising a seamless, knitted, tubular item positionable around a lower body part of a user, and comprising a firm yet elastic structure of fabric with compression property between 15 and 50 mmHg defining a pre-selected compression area of the clothing article ~~forming~~ formed an abdominal front portion of the tubular item, which is located on only a front half of the clothing article for providing an anatomical fit and an approximately constant compression of a user's abdomen within a range of the users' sizes and shapes, wherein the tubular item comprises elastic yarns made of elastic fibers, and wherein the elastic yarns with the elastic fibers comprises between 15 and 60% of the abdominal front portion of the tubular item, the previously selected hernia compression area being formed with

elastic yarns having a thickness of 100-350 dtex, with a higher percentage of elastic yarns with a compact knitted structure and a firm tight stitch pattern.

10. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the elastic yarns and the elastic fibers in the tubular item are extended or fixed in order to provide the anatomical fit.

11. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 9, further comprising a groin area and wherein the tubular item comprises sewn connections at one end with the groin area, forming a panty brief with lower body part, groin area and leg openings.

12. (Canceled) without prejudice.

13. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein in a circumferential direction the fabric has a force/elongation curve including a largely flat curve pattern.

14-15. (Canceled) without prejudice.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 45 1, wherein the elastic yarns, in the areas exerting compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 150 to 250 decitex.

17. (Cancelled) without prejudice

18. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 47 1, wherein the clothing article, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 300 and 400 g/m².

19. (Canceled) without prejudice.

20. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the elastic yarns, in the preselected compression area of the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 100 to 350 decitex.

21. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the clothing article, in the preselected compression area of the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m².

22. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the clothing article, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m².

23. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing of claim 1, wherein the fabric in the preselected compression area of the abdominal front portion comprises between 30 and 50% of the elastic yarns.

24. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the fabric in the preselected compression area in the abdominal front portion comprises between 30 and 50% of the elastic yarns.